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To: Commissioner, Department of Corrections
All County Commissioners
All Sheriffs

Subject: Adopted: Level of Service Inventory – Revised

In accordance with recent changes to Title 30-A MRSA §1559(6), the Board of Corrections voted unanimously on November 5, 2009 at a meeting in Ellsworth, Maine, to approve the LSI-R as the validated risk and needs assessment tool to be used to determine offender eligibility for Community Confinement Mentoring.

The statute states:

§ 1659-A. Community confinement monitoring program

The sheriff of each county shall establish a program to permit certain inmates to serve a portion of their sentence of imprisonment in community confinement monitored by the county or a contract agency or another county or its contract agency. The county may contract only with a community confinement monitoring agency approved by the State Board of Corrections.

1. Petition. A sheriff, upon written request from an inmate eligible for participation in a community confinement monitoring program and recommended by the jail administrator, may assign the inmate to participate in a community confinement monitoring program. At the time of granting this privilege, the sheriff shall determine whether the inmate is responsible for the cost of participating in the program based on the inmate's ability to pay.

2. Eligibility. Inmates are eligible to participate in a community confinement monitoring program if:

D. The inmate has a verified security classification level of "medium" or "minimum" and scores "moderate" or "less" on a validated risk assessment tool as defined by the State Board of Corrections;

9. Effective date. This section is effective January 1, 2010.

According to Scott Landry and Mark Westrum, co-chairs of the BOC's Focus Group on Pretrial, Diversion and Reentry, "the LSI-R has an excellent reputation as an assessment having the ability to both predict risk of recidivism while identifying criminogenic need areas which might be reduced through case management and treatment. The Maine Department of Corrections has significant experience using the LSI-R and has quite a few staff who are trainers in its use. The recommendation to use the LSI-R is supported by Maine Pretrial Services and Volunteers of America. These two agencies will likely be performing the vast majority of the assessments. Both agencies are already quite familiar with the instrument and have received some training in its use."

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Please contact the Pretrial, Diversion and Reentry Focus Group Chairs, Scott Landry (207) 822-0827 or Mark Westrum (207) 882-4268 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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